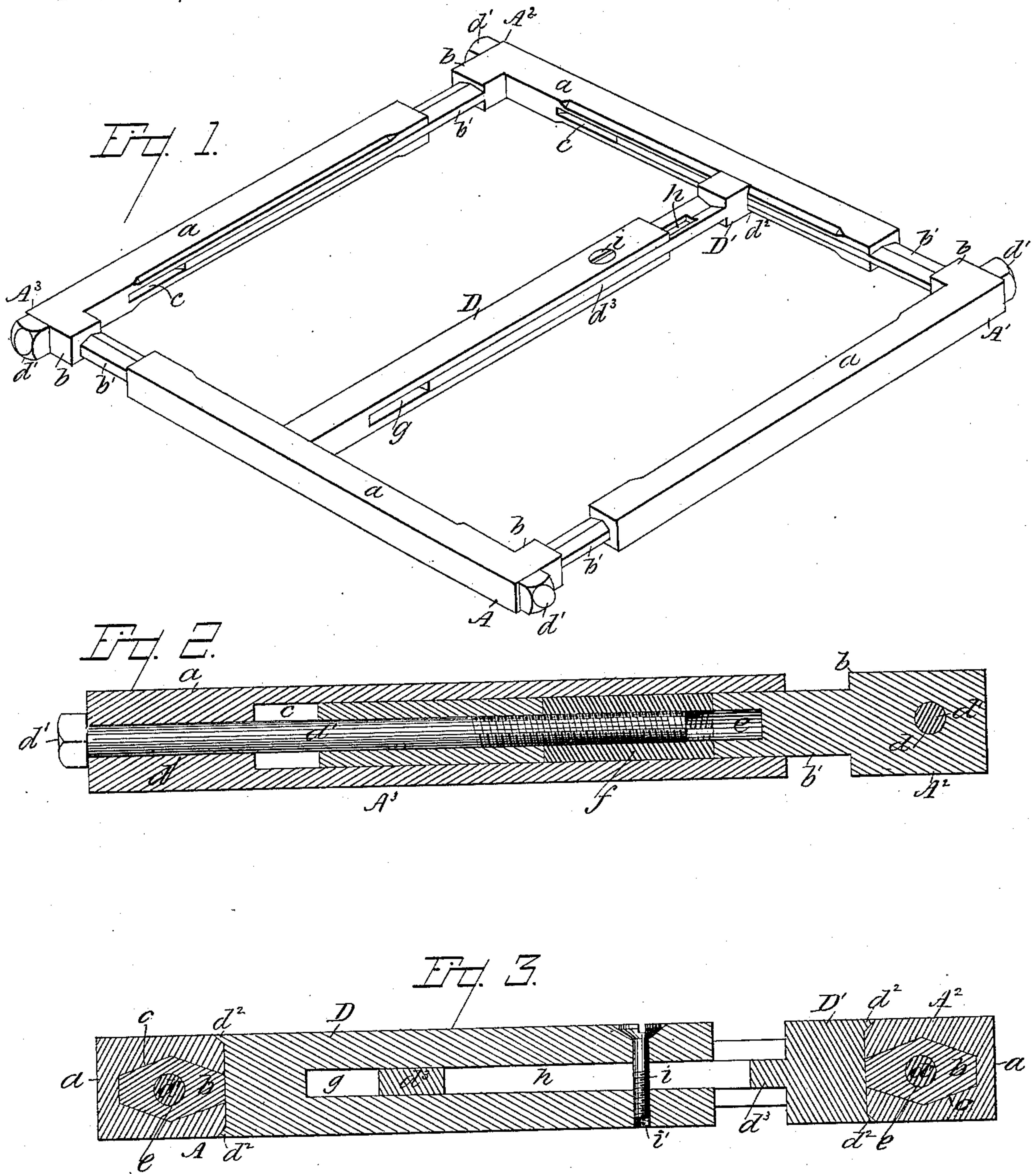


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BRILL, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Printers' Chases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to chases for printers' use, and will be fully described hereinafter.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved chase. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section through the center of one of the chase-sides, and Fig. 3 is a like section through the central brace of the same.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved chase which can readily be adjusted to fit type-forms of various sizes, and thus adapted to be conveniently used in place of the assorted chases now necessary in printing establishments where a variety of job-work has to be done.

My adjustable chase consists of the four similar L-shaped pieces A, A', A², and A³, the parts *a* and *b* of which are made so as to slide respectively over and inside the parts *b* and *a* of each adjoining piece. For this purpose a double-dovetail-shaped groove, *c*, is formed on the inner edge of the part *a*, to extend from its outer end to within a slight distance from the angle it forms with the part *b*, and through the center of the remaining solid angle end of said part *a* a longitudinal perforation, *d*, is made, wherein works the adjusting-bolt *d'*. The outer end of the part *b* is made in the shape of a double-dovetail tenon, *b'*, to correspond in length with and loosely fit in the groove *c* of the adjoining angle-piece, a well-hole, *e*, to extend longitudinally along the center of said tenon *b'*, and to correspond with the perforation *d*, made in the solid portion of the part *a* of the adjoining angle-piece. A threaded nut, *f*, is embedded at a suitable point in the tenon *b'*, so that its central opening stands directly opposite the well-hole *e*, and is thus adapted to receive the threaded end of the bolt *d'*. The angle-pieces A, A', A², and A³ being put together by slipping the tenoned part *b'* of each one into the groove *c*

in the part *a* of each adjacent piece, the bolts *d'* *d'* are screwed in the nuts *f* *f* until the desired size of chase has been obtained. The inner, upper, and lower edges of the parts *a* *a* are slightly beveled, and against said beveled edges rest the beveled laps *d² d²*, formed on the outer ends of the central cross-bar, D D'. The piece D has a double-dovetail-shaped slot, *g*, opening in the inner end of said piece D, and extending along its center to a distance corresponding to the length of the grooves *c* in the parts *a* of the chase-pieces. The piece D' has its inner end formed as a double dovetail-tenon, *d³*, of a length to correspond and fit in the slot *g* of the piece D. The central part of this tenon *d³* has the vertical slot *h* to receive the body of the fastening-screw *i*, which passes through a hole in the upper part of the slotted piece D, and screws in a threaded hole, *i'*, in the lower part of the same, whereby when this screw is tightened after adjustment of the parts D and D' the arms of the part D, above and below the slot *g*, are respectively pressed down and drawn up against the tenon *d³* of the part D', thus making the cross-bar perfectly rigid, while by simply turning the screw in the opposite direction the pressure will be withdrawn from the said tenon *d³*, which will then be free to move in and out of the slot *g*, (subject to the limits of its own slot *h*), and thus permit any new adjustment of the chase desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A chase for type-forms, consisting of four angle-pieces adapted to slide more or less into one another, and be maintained therein in adjustment, as desired, by means of screw-bolts, substantially as set forth.

2. In combination with an adjustable chase, an adjustable cross-bar consisting of two parts adapted to slide one upon the other, and to be secured at any desired adjustment by means of a set-screw, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the angle-pieces, each having a longitudinal groove and perforation in one part and a tenon on the other part, the said tenon being perforated longitudinally,

with the nuts *f* embedded in the said tenons, and the screw-bolts *d'*, substantially as set forth.

4. In combination with an adjustable chase,
5 the adjustable cross-bar formed of two parts, D and D', one provided with a longitudinal slot and vertical screw-holes, and the other with a tenon adapted to move therein, the said
10 screw *i*, adapted to work in said slot, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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